



Ulaanbaatar, Naadam Festival

Premium Trans-Mongolian

Tailor-made rail journey - 18 days/17 nights

Our premium program offers accommodation in 4-star hotels, 2-berth rail compartments and comprehensive sightseeing at all your stopover points with your own English speaking local guide. This popular itinerary is tailor-made by us so is totally flexible. If you would like extra stopover points, longer stays, alternative accommodation or more sightseeing, just ask us and we'll create an itinerary just for you - we have been doing this for 30 years. For examples of additional stopover options see pages 60-63.

Inclusions

- 10 nights accommodation with breakfast in 4-star hotels
- 1 night in Mongolian ger with lunch, dinner and breakfast
- 6 nights in 2-berth rail compartment
- Arrival/departure transfers throughout by car
- Sightseeing by car and on foot with local **English speaking** guides
- Beijing - Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Summer Palace tour
- Ulaanbaatar - City tour
- Terelj National Park - 2 day tour including overnight stay in a ger and visit to the Genghis Khan statue
- Irkutsk - City tour, Lake Baikal & Taltsy Open-air Museum tour with lunch
- Moscow - City tour & Metro, Kremlin and Armoury Museum
- St. Petersburg - City tour with Peter and Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum and choice of Peterhof or Pushkin
- Economy class high speed Sapsan train Moscow-St. Petersburg

Your accommodation

- **Terelj National Park** - Ger camp
- ★★★★
- **Beijing** - Howard Johnson Paragon
- **Ulaanbaatar** - Ramada
- **Irkutsk** - Courtyard Marriott
- **Moscow** - Peter I
- **St. Petersburg** - Crowne Plaza Ligovsky

Westbound itinerary

Day 1 Beijing

Arrive Beijing and be transferred by car to your hotel. Overnight Beijing.

Day 2 Beijing

Full day tour of the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and Summer Palace. Overnight Beijing. **B**

Day 3 Beijing to Ulaanbaatar

You will be transferred to the station for your morning departure to Ulaanbaatar. Border formalities for entry into Mongolia will be finalized on the train in the early hours of the following morning. Overnight on board. **B**

Day 4 Ulaanbaatar

Arrive mid afternoon, meet our local representative and be transferred by car to your hotel. Overnight Ulaanbaatar.

Day 5 Terelj National Park

This morning travel by car with guide to the Terelj to see Turtle Rock, visit a nomadic Mongolian family and enjoy lunch in a traditional ger camp. Free time to relax and enjoy the surroundings and perhaps ride a horse or camel (extra cost). Tonight you dine at the camp. Overnight ger camp. **BLD**

Days 6-7 Ulaanbaatar to Irkutsk

After breakfast, return via the Genghis Khan statue to Ulaanbaatar for a city tour and later free time to shop and explore before transferring to the station for your evening departure to Irkutsk. There is usually no dining car on this train. The following day you complete border formalities and cross into Russia. 2 nights on board. **B**

Day 8 Irkutsk

Early morning arrival in Irkutsk. Meet your local guide and drop your luggage at your hotel. Then enjoy a city tour to include the Polish Roman Catholic Cathedral, Kirov Square, Karl Marx St and Alexander III monument. Overnight Irkutsk.

Day 9 Irkutsk

Full day tour to Listvyanka and Lake Baikal with a visit to the Open-air Museum of Wooden Architecture at Taltsy and the Museum of Lake Baikal. Visit the fish market at Listvyanka, enjoy a delicious lunch and take a cable car ride for panoramic views of the lake. Later visit St. Nicholas church and see the sacred place of the Buryat people. Overnight Irkutsk. **BL**

Days 10-12 Irkutsk to Moscow

Morning transfer to the station by car with guide assistance for your onward journey to Moscow. En-route, you'll pass through a number of large cities including Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg and Kazan. Take the time to meet your fellow passengers as you watch the changing landscape unfold. You can purchase food from stalls during many scheduled stops. The train also has a dining car serving traditional dishes at reasonable prices. The dining car is also a great place to meet the locals. 3 nights on board. **B**

Day 13 Moscow

Early morning arrival Moscow. You will be met and transferred by car to your central 4-star hotel. Drop your luggage then enjoy a city tour followed by a guided tour of the most spectacular stations of the Moscow metro system. Afternoon free. Overnight Moscow.

Day 14 Moscow

Morning walking tour of the Kremlin grounds and one of the cathedrals before visiting the State Armoury Museum with its unique collection of crown jewels, costumes, carriages, Fabergé eggs and more. Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 15 Moscow to St. Petersburg

Free time before your car transfer to catch the high speed Sapsan train to St. Petersburg. On arrival transfer by car to your central 4-star hotel. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 16 St. Petersburg

This morning, your city tour introduces you to the major landmarks of this beautiful northern city with a visit to Peter and Paul Fortress, the burial place of the Romanovs. This afternoon, your guide will take you on a private tour of the world famous Hermitage Museum, housing one of the finest art collections in the world. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 17 St. Petersburg

Today visit one of the tsars' summer palaces - Peterhof (Petrodvorets) commissioned by Peter the Great to rival Versailles, or Catherine's Palace at Pushkin, one of the finest examples of Russian Baroque architecture. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 18 St. Petersburg

Tour services end after breakfast with your departure transfer. **B**

Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD.
Applicable Jan-Dec 2017.

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Important Information

- Please refer to page 56.